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Docket No.: 59585(71526)  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Takahiro Fujiwara et al.

Application No.: 10/656,617

Confirmation No.:

Filed: September 4, 2003

Art Unit: 1621

For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ALCOHOLS

Examiner: B. J. Davis

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

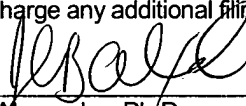
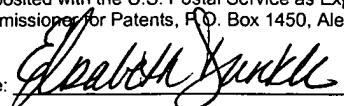
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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Application No. 10/656,617		Filing Date September 4, 2003		Examiner B. J. Davis	
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Applicant(s): Takahiro Fujiwara et al.					
Invention: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ALCOHOLS					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims		- 20 =		x	
Independent Claims		- 3 =		x	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity					
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 John B. Alexander, Ph.D. Attorney Reg. No.: 48,399				Dated: <u>December 28, 2005</u>	
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